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Response to Amendment

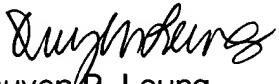
1. Bracketing or underlining are commonly used to indicate amendments or changes in the claims as provided in 37 CFR 1.173(b) and 37 CFR 1.173(d). In the reply filed 9/21/2001, applicant has used underlining in such a manner that it is unclear the matter to be added and has failed to use brackets to indicate the matter to be omitted. The underlining is unclear because, with every line of the amended claims being underlined, as in applicant's reply, no distinction can be made as to what is being added, deleted or unchanged. A marked-up version of the amended claims is required in applicant's reply to this notice.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** or **THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply a proper amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.173 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quyen P. Leung whose telephone number is (703) 308-0545. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00, M-F.

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